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BYRD, ECONOMY AND DEFENSE

(The Danville Register)

The voice of Senator Harry F. Byrd has been raised so often for economy in federal spending that those who have not known him well or whose memories are short may have been surprised by his latest declarations on behalf of a 70 Group Air Force, Universal Military Training and a standing army of "more than 3,500,000 men."

Such things would cost tremendous sums and hike the federal budget by several billions. Yet Senator Byrd told Virginia members of the American Legion in convention at Alexandria that if he had the power he would enact these measures "immediately."

The stand taken by the Virginia Senator is not inconsistent with his past efforts to avoid unnecessary and wasteful spending.

Senator Byrd draws a sharp distinction between maintenance of military strength adequate to defend the nation and civil functions spending beyond essential needs. Prior to World War II, Senator Byrd was far ahead of President Roosevelt in advocating expansion of our military forces and in the building of planes and weapons for their use. Throughout the "defense program" period and the war period that followed, the Virginian went down the line for military spending.

Now, with peril in the offing, Senator Byrd is far ahead of President Truman in his advocacy of military spending. His address at Alexandria, as well as his speeches on and off the Senate floor and his actions as a member of the Armed Services Committee, are consistent with his stand.

In his role as the economy-minded chairman of the Committee on Reduction of Non-essential Federal Expenditures, Senator Byrd has battled against those domestic expenditures of a pork-barrel type and against waste in the Department. His proposals for balancing the unbalanced budgets presented regularly (one exception) by President Truman, always have excluded appropriation requests for the Armed Services and for Veterans.

Like any prudent businessman, Senator Byrd believes that when necessary spending requires the outlay of all the income, the spender should be doubly careful not to buy items he does not absolutely need. It is this attitude which places Senator Byrd as a foe to excesses in spending which have as their purpose the broadening of the program of state assumption of all risks formerly borne by individuals.

IN CRETE, THE FATHER STILL SPEAKS WITH AUTHORITY

(The Atlanta Journal)

Judging from the uproar on the Island of Crete over the abduction of a pretty girl, Tassoula Patrigeorgi by name, such things are still taken seriously in that part of the world dominated by Greek culture. The young lady's father is against the marriage despite the fact that her suitor, Costas Kefalogianis, asked for her hand properly and she was quite willing to make the match. Now that the daughter has been stolen away, the father has started what amounts to a miniature war.

Some three thousand years ago, as every student of the classics knows, another pretty girl was the cause of extended unpleasantness between the warriors of Greece and Trop. She was Helen, the wife of King Manelaus of Sparta, a woman of consumate loveliness who was stolen away by Paris, one of the sons of King Priam of Troy. The Greeks set out for Trop and laid seige to the city. Troy was finally overcome when the defenders were fooled by the famous Trojan horse stratagem. Helen's war lasted a decade, and was ended at least a thousand years before Christ.

Whether Tassoula is in Helen's class for pulchritude cannot be said. For all we know, she may be worth every bit of the trouble young Kefalogianis has taken on her behalf. But what impresses us about the incident, as Westerners, is the terrific parental authority wielded by the father. At a time when an American papa would sign and begin writing checks for the trousseau, Tassoula's old man called on his personal gendarmes and started pursuit. In Crete, the father of the family rules the roost.

UNITED NATIONS TROOPS

(The Boston Post)

Behind the bitter battling of the past few days which has not only contained the North Koreans but continues to hurl those efforts to mount an about drive, there was another bright side to the news yesterday. At long last and after much unexplained hesitation, other members of the United Nations are now on the verge of actually sending reinforcements to the hard-fighting American and South Koreans.

Why there has been such a delay since the United States, with the fervent and enthusiastic blessing of the peace body, resolved to battle Russia for Korea, is something which neither the people of the United States nor the men engaged in combat can understand.

It was obvious from the outset and also from the agreement of 52 other nations that the Reds were the aggressors, that the "police action" in Korea was an outright war which would have its repercussions throughout the free world.

When the other nations did not immediately offer troops and only a few came through with ships and air support, various excuses of "logistics" and "other commitments" were offered. But when the secretary general of the United Nations, Trygve Lie, in mid-July called on member nations to put soldiers ashore in Korea, the result was amazing.

Having thus made it official, Americans imagined that Mr. Lie would be overwhelmed with offers. China did make a bid at once and that was declined. Thailand responded quickly. Turkey shortly thereafter made a substantial promise of 4000 tough, trained soldiers. England announced she would aid.

But more than a month has gone by since Mr. Lie issued his call and nearly two months have gone by since the North Koreans roared across the 38th parallel. So far, all the ground fighting in Korea has been done by Koreans and Americans.

Now all of a sudden the promises appear to be about to become a reality. In an unconfirmed dispatch, English troops are reported to have landed an island off Korea. The Philippines announced their crack scout contingent would be in Korea "in the next few weeks." Two thousand Dutch infantrymen who volunteered will also go forward. France will supply 800 infantrymen.

Even for a total, these forces do not add up to many — not many when one reads of 50,000 North Koreans massing for another offensive and 50,000 more being held in reserve. But with other nations fighting on the flanks of our regulars and marines in Korea, our soldiers will no longer feel that they are making everyone's fight alone.

We doubt if Mr. Malik's statement to the Security Council on Tuesday inspired the sudden rush of other nations to get into the Korean combat. But by his remark that "the United States is now trying to force others to send their men as cannon fodder," he was giving substance to another communist lie which might have found fertile ground in some fearful nations.

For the record, not the United States, but Mr. Lie in behalf of the United Nations, asked for them. He, too, recognized the incongruity of United Nations Commander MacArthur leading the ground armies of two nations under a new battle-field banner which was supposed to represent all freedom-loving nations of the world. A bad fumble is now apparantly going to be corrected.

Army men take over operation of railroads and announced strike is called off.

Britain denies selling items to Soviet.

Welch train wreck kills six and injures 35.

Robert Whitehead denies that further industrialization must take place in Virginia.

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...day, August 29.—Mr. and Mrs. ... Ligon, of Pamplin, and Mr. ... Watkins, of Farmville, visited ... neighborhood last Wednes...

...J. S. Hix, of Thomasville, N. ... spending several days in the ... of his sister, Miss Maggie ...

...and Mrs. Frank Gilliam, of ...ville and Misses Marguerite ...ge and Gertrude Ranson, of ...ppatox visited in the home of ... Maggie Hix on Sunday.

...Miss Mattie Drinkard was the ...est of her nephew, Billy Inge, ...veral days last week.

...Mr. N. S. Topping is visiting Mr. ...and Mrs. Ernest Rogers in Appo... From there he will come to ...and Mrs. Henry Covington's.

...Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Carson and ...ughter Bettibel have moved back ...Prospect, after spending the sum... with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. ... Marshall.

...Buddy Carson has returned from ...visit to his aunt, Mrs. Willie Ber... in Lorraine, Ohio.

...Mr. Edward Wooldridge has been va...tioning at Ocean View and Buck... Beach.

...Mrs. Homer Harmon, who has been ...pending the summer with Mr. and ...Mrs. Bob Martin, is improving at ...Lynchburg General Hospital. In ...fall from a tree, his arm was ...broken in several places. He is ex...pected home soon.

...Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Brockwell, ...of Newport News are painting and ...remodeling their summer home here.

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U. S. Treasury Department

On August 31, Miss Carrie Hix will leave for Richmond, where she will teach English and Literature. September 5 and 6 are planning days, and the Richmond teachers will report to their individual schools, to plan their work and give ideas for general improvement. The pupils report on September 7.

This week the farmers are busy cutting heavy, dark-fired tobacco. The crops are said to be good.

Co-operative farming is in practice in this neighborhood. Twenty farmers filled Mr. Agee Glover's new cement block silo on Thursday. Mr. Glover has a new silage cutter.

The hard surface road through Hixburg was completed last week. Everyone concerned is very much pleased.

Richwood

Richwood, Aug. 29.- "Consideration for the other fellow is the basis or fundamental of the freedom of the individual in America; a favor given with the expectation of something in return is nothing more than a bribery." —Quoted.

Divine services at Central Baptist Church at 11 A. M. Sunday.

Mr. E. R. Davis and son, Mr. Atwell Powell and son, of Lynchburg were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Mrs. Earl Williams and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Moore Sunday.

Mr. Robert Wilbun is ill at this writing.

Mrs. Henry Fleshman was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh visited Mrs. Pugh's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh Saturday evening.

We are happy to report the steady improvement of the Wilbun children, Gerald and Charles.

George Cawthorne, of the U. S. Army was the guest Friday of Miss Estelle Wooldridge and family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge and daughter, Marvis visited with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh Friday evening.

Locust Grove

Locust Grove, Aug. 29.- Mrs. Alice Grow left Sunday for Richmond to visit her daughter, Mrs. Florence Mustain.

Mrs. Mattie W. Coleman is spending a while with Mrs. Elsie Megginson and family.

Mr. Jim Megginson, of Norfolk, spent several days last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Beale. Those spending Sunday in the same home were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Megginson and son, Johnny; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nash and James Beale.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Grow and daughter are spending some time in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hamilton.

Mrs. Emily Chernault and Mrs. Nathalie Robertson spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hatcher.

Jim Megginson, Mrs. Lula Beale and son, Walker spent Friday with her brother, Ben Megginson in the hospital.

Friends are glad to hear that W. T. Childress is getting on so well and can soon come home.

Mrs. and Mrs. Herman Robertson, of Lovingston and Mrs. Nathalie Robertson were Thursday evening guests of Mrs. Lula Beale.

Friends are sorry to hear that Mr. Russell Leftwich is so ill. He is in a hospital in North Carolina.

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Novelist, Commissioner To Speak at Field Day

Louis Bromfield, Mansfield, Ohio, novelist and columnist, and Parke C. Brinkley, Virginia's commissioner of agriculture, are among the speakers to appear at the seventh annual Ivy Hill field day at Forest on September 9.

Paul Swaffar, Kansas City, Mo., assistant secretary of the American Hereford Breeders' Association, will be another headline speaker for the event.

A feature of the field day, says D. E. Brower, 4-H Club livestock specialist at V. P. I., will be a junior livestock judging contest, in which two or three classes of Hereford cattle will be judged.

Four-H and FFA entries are expected from at least 35 Virginia counties, Brower said. The judging contest will begin at 11 A. M., and the awarding of prizes to the winners will be made at 3 P. M.

Twenty-six Virginians on latest casualty list in Korean war.

Phone 30 with Personals.

Chinese Reds protest U. S. plane flights in strong note.

President Truman may impound proposed loan to Franco Spain.

Careful driving on highways urged for the Labor Day week-end in effort to cut down death rate.

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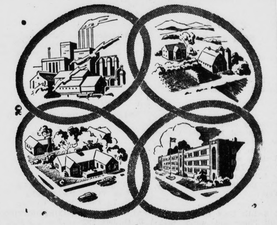

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